(2) Intensive Sericulture Development Project in Ganjam district.

(3) Swiss assisted follow-up phase of Inter State Tasar Project.

Besides the Central Silk Board has created the following sericulture infrastructure for providing support in the fields of Research, Extension, Seed, Marketing & Training etc:-

(i) 1 Regional Sericulture Research Station.

(ii) 1 Regional Tasar Research Station.

(iii) 5 Basic Seed Multiplication & Training Centres.

(iv) 1 Raw Material bank-sub-Depot.

(v) 1 Regional Development Office.

(vi) 2 Research Extension Centres.

(vii) 1 P2 Farm.

(viii) 1 cocoon market.

(ix) 8 Technical Service Centres.

(x) 2 Silkworm Seed Production Centres.

(xi) 1 Farmers Training School.

The Central Silk Board is also implementing a number of schemes for development of sericultural in various States including Orissa like supply of rearing kit to small and marginal farmers, assistance to reelers etc.

Investigation into Bofors Case

1755. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI SIMON MARANDI:
SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the latest position in regard to the investigation into Bofors case both in India and abroad;

(b) the steps being taken by the Indian and Swedish Governments to remove legal and administrative hindrances and to expedite the investigation; and

(c) the time by which the inquiry is likely to be concluded?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c). Investigations are being pursued actively by the C.B.I. All necessary steps are being taken to expedite these investigations. As the case is sub-judice in India and certain countries abroad and many complicated legal processes are involved, it is not possible to indicate the time by which the on-going investigations can be concluded.

Trade Deficit

1756. DR. DEBI PROSAD PAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the foreign trade deficit and the overall balance of payment deficit expected during the current year;

(b) whether the new Import and Export Policy has shown any impact on the balance of payment position;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to cover the deficit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c). According to the current estimates, India's trade deficit during April-December 1991 amounted to Rs. 3906 crores or US $1628 million as compared to Rs. 8535 crores or US $ 4832 million during April-December 1990. It is difficult to precisely estimate the trade deficit for the entire financial year 1991-92 at this stage. However, as a result of various policy initiatives taken by the Government, it is expected that the trade deficit during fiscal year 1991-92 will be significantly less that the trade deficit of Rs. 10644 crores or US $ 5932 million during the fiscal year 1990-91. The current account deficit in the overall balance of payments will depend on trade deficit and net invisible receipts through travel, transport, investment income including payment of interest etc. The resultant current account deficit will be covered by the net inflows in the capital account where external loans including that from IMF, external commercial borrowings, NRI deposits and other capital receipts are expected to cover the current account deficit. Simultaneously, efforts are being taken to increase exports through various measures like partial convertibility of Rupee, reduction in Customs duties on capitals goods and raw materials required for export production, etc.

Reopening of Closed Textile Mills in Gujarat

1757. **SHRI HARISINH CHAVDA:**

SHRI RATILAL VERMA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Textile Policy has failed in reopening the number of closed textile mills;

(b) if so, the number of closed mills alongwith the number of workers affected in Gujrat mill-wise;

(c) measures taken by the Govt. for the welfare of the affected workers and to re-open these closed mills; and

(d) the steps taken by the Govt. to ensure that these mills run effectively in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Statement is laid on the table of the House.

(c) and (d). Steps taken by Govt. to revive these mills include creation of a Nodal Agency to determine viability of a sick Mill, setting up of a Textile Modernisation Fund for modernisation assistance, setting up the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) to draw revival packages. Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Fund Scheme (TWRFS) has been established to provide interim relief to the workers rendered jobless due to permanent closure of the mills.

STATEMENT

The Names of the Closed Mills and the Workers Affected Due to Closures are Given Below

S.No.	*Name of the Mill*	*Date of closure*	*Workers affected*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*
1.	Fine Knitting Co. Ltd	10.7.70	191